

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the standing committee appointed on the subject to which they respectively relate.

Also the petition of sundry inhabitants of *Montgomery* county, praying for a law prescribing certain duties to constables for the suppression of disorderly and tumultuous gatherings of negro slaves, and other coloured people, at grog shops, stores, taverns, villages, and other public places of the county, on the sabbath day, where it is represented, they are in the habit of drinking to excess, to the great injury of themselves and their owners; which was referred to a select committee of three members, consisting of Messrs. Lee, Peter and Lansdale.

And the petition of sundry inhabitants of *Montgomery* county, praying for the passage of a law to provide for the better security of slaves to their owners, and the more effectual apprehension of those who may abscond; which was referred to a select committee of seven members, consisting of Messrs. Lee, M'Neill, Shower, Tilghman, Lloyd, Mercer and Fitzhugh.

By Mr. Thomas of Cecil, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a law to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Port Deposit towards Columbia, in Pennsylvania; which was referred to the standing committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Harlan, the petition of sundry citizens, commissioners, of Charles Town, in Cecil county, counter to a petition from the trustees of the Charles Town Presbyterian Congregation, in said county, praying for a law to secure the title, in fee simple, respecting their meeting-house and lots in said town, for the use of the said congregation, presented by Mr. Thomas of Cecil, on the 26th ultimo; which was referred to the committee to whom was referred the said petition to which this is counter.

By Mr. Ely, the petition of Charles S. Davis, of Baltimore city, and William C. Weatherby, of Baltimore county, praying to be released from their responsibilities, as the securities of Robert H. Scharf, late collector of the state and county taxes, in the said city or part thereof.

By Mr. Turner, the memorial of sundry citizens of Baltimore county, recommending the passage of a law for the relief of William C. Weatherby, and Charles S. Davis, as the securities of Robert H. Scharf, late collector of the state and county taxes, for the said city or part thereof.

By Mr. Stuart, of the city of Baltimore, the memorial of sundry citizens of said city, of a similar import to that last mentioned.

Ordered. That the said petition and memorials be severally referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of